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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER IN FAVOR OF TIES WITH ISRAEL

1. CALLING THE CURRENTLY DECLARED GOS POLICY ONE OF "FRONTAL HOSTILITY TO ISRAEL", THE LIBERAL LEFT EL PAIS MARCH 24 EDITORIALIZED IN FAVOR OF SPANISH RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL, CONTRASTING THE "UNTOUCHABLE" STATUS OF THE ISSUE WITH THE KING'S ORIGINAL DECLARATION THAT SPAIN WOULD HAVE RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTIRES AND EXPRESSING WONDER AT THE ASSUMPTION OF A POSITION "INHERITED, IT SEEMS, FROM THE OLD PREJUDICES OF FRANCOISM".

2. THE INFLUENTIAL PAPER WENT ON TO STATE THAT APPARENTLY THIS POSITION HAS BEEN REQUIRED OF NO ONE EXPECT SPAIN:
"ALL THE COUNTRIES OF WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE EXCEPT ALBANIA HAVE RELATIONS WITH TEL AVIV, AND NOT ONE OF THESE NATIONS HAS HAD THE SLIGHTEST DIFFICULTY WITH ITS EMBASSIES AND ITS RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB PEOPLES. WHY CAN'T WHAT FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, POLAND, OR RUSSIA DO BE DONE BY A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY LIKE SPAIN, IN WHICH ISLAMIC DOMINATION ENDED IN 1942?"

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3. IN A GENTLER POKE AT THE PREVAILING VIEW, PROMINENT CARTOONIST MINGOTE THE SAME DAY (IN THE CONSERVATIVE ABC) PORTRAYED A COLLEGE GIRL AIRLY EXPLAINING TO AN IMPASSIVE MALE COLLEAGUE, "WE ARE TRADITIONALLY FRIENDS OF THE ARABS. NOW IT'S A MATTER OF GETTING THE ARABS TO BE FRIENDS OF OURS".EATON

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